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HHHS reduces deficit by \$182,000

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during the March 28 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has reduced a \$250,000 deficit to \$68,000, an improvement of \$182,000 in six months, from July 2018 to January 2019. "Previously it was projected that HHHS would be in a breakeven position by the end of the fiscal year at the end of March, and we are anticipating that we will be in a position to achieve that goal," finance committee chairman David Gray told the Times after a board meeting on Thursday, March 28.

Gray said this is possible due to recent government funding of three major projects including the Haliburton water treatment, long-term care roof repairs and replacements, as well as the efforts of the management working groups.

"In spite of difficulties in reducing sick and overtime costs, significant progress has been made to achieve cost savings in all other supply costs with the successful implementation of several projects," Gray said. "These will achieve annual savings in the coming year of

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Make a move

Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Grade 6 student Haiden Bird, who finished third, makes a move at the 2019 TLDSB District Chess Championship on Tuesday, April 2 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. ASES had 14 students from Grade 1 to 6 competing. See more on page 12. /DARREN LUM Staff

Taxes up 3% in Minden Hills

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 28 meeting of Minden Hills council.

It looks like Minden Hills residents can expect a residential property tax rate increase of just more than three per cent at the lower-tier level for 2019.

Councillors reviewed the fourth draft of the budget following a public meeting. While during the third draft of the budget the overall tax levy increase was sitting at seven per cent and the property tax rate increase just less than five, the budget's fourth draft included an overall tax levy increase of approximately 6.4 per cent and a residential property tax rate increase of just more than three per cent. That means for every \$1,000 of assessment, taxes will increase from \$3.54 to \$3.65. For a home assessed at \$300,000 with a three per cent phased-in increase in assessment, that would amount to an increase of just less than \$65 in taxation for the year. That figure is for the

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Ontario Health Teams may present opportunity for HHHS

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more than \$46,000 and pending projects of \$52,000 which will positively impact next year's operations."

Board member Dave Bonham called it a remarkable accomplishment.

Bill 74 impact on local health services unknown

It's too early to know what significant changes to Ontario's health-care system through Bill 74, The People's Health Care Act, 2019 will mean for health services in Haliburton County, said Carolyn Plummer, HHHS CEO.

The act contains two major components. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has amalgamated several provincial agencies including Cancer Care Ontario, eHealth Ontario, Trillium Gift of Life Network and all 14 Local Health Integration Networks into a "superagency," called Ontario Health. Plummer said the agency is expected to serve as a single central point of accountability and oversight for health care in the province.

The second change is that health service providers across several health sectors will be organized into 30 to 50 Ontario Health Teams (OHT). Plummer said the provincial government had not yet released much information about what the health teams will look like, but have noted "they will be providing health services in an integrated way, so different parts of the health sector working together in an integrated way such as hospitals, long-term care and community, working together to provide service to anywhere from 50,000 up to 300,000 people."

She said at this point there hadn't been clear direction about how the health teams should be established, except that it would be a patient-centred model and that the teams be focused on local health issues.

"It is too early to know what this legislation will mean for HHHS or how it will affect health services in Haliburton County; however given our experience as a rural health hub, our well-established partnerships and collaborations, and our current integrated services (hospital, long-term care, community programs, palliative care, mental health) we have an opportunity to take a leadership role together with our partners in developing the OHT model," said Plummer in her report.

She said the government indicated they would be issuing an expression of interest at some point in March, but HHHS still had

yet to receive it and she hoped it was coming quickly.

"I'm actually excited about what we might be able to do together with our partners, and I think we're in a really good position to move forward with this," said Plummer to the board.

Centralized referral service 'good news story'

Dave Coulson of the community advisory committee spoke to the popularity of a new program offering centralized referral to community services.

"So if you have a problem, phone community services, phone one number, and people will look after you," said Coulson of the program. Fifty people had used the system, which connects people with a wide range of programs including Meals on Wheels, the GAIN program, foot care program and palliative care services, in three months, and more than 150 people had used it in six months.

"Do the math, there could be four to five hundred people a year who go into this centralized service and get looked after," said Coulson, who said the service had been a key recommendation of the community advisory committee "from day one."

Coulson called it a "good news story," that the province is following suit on.

"So some of us have suggested, well, not only have we identified the problem but we in Haliburton have identified the solution - a centralized referral system," he said.

"I think it's beyond good news, we're looking at good health and maybe saving the odd life, too," said Dorothy Owen, HHHS board member.

HHHS thanks county for physician recruitment support

Plummer thanked the County of Haliburton for including funding for a physician recruiter in this year's budget.

"We have seen the success that recruiters have had in other communities, and the far-reaching positive impact that has resulted for those communities," she said. "We are incredibly fortunate that the County has decided to make this investment in our community."

HHHS, the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and the County of Haliburton have been working to recruit physicians to the emergency department.

"Although we have been able to attract some physicians who are interested in providing locum coverage, we continue to face challenges recruiting physicians to our community on a more permanent basis," said Plummer.

HealthForce Ontario, the Central East LHIN and the MOHLTC have supported recruitment efforts.

Accreditation assessment in 2019

An assessment of HHHS by Accreditation Canada will be completed in early December. The last assessment took place in 2015. The review assesses HHHS against standards of excellence, identifying strengths and needs.

"The process includes an onsite, independent, third-party assessment of the organization using standards built upon best practices used and validated by similar organizations around the world," said Plummer.

An accreditation simulation exercise and further training will take place prior to December.

Mental Health Services hire

Beverlee Groves-Foley is joining the HHHS team in the role of mental health manager.

She comes from an extensive career in mental health services at Ross Memorial Hospital. Groves-Foley will join in a part-time role in April and be full-time at the beginning of May.

Programs taking place at Youth Wellness Hub

Doors are open at the Youth Wellness Hub for some programs as renovations are completed at the Haliburton space being constructed as a partnership between Point in Time and HHHS. A kitchen installation and accessibility retrofits are underway, according to a report by Plummer. "As the renovations are nearing completion, some youth programming has already begun, including some drop-in programs, soft-skills development through the arts, and employment programs," said Plummer.

That the programs have already begun "speaks to not only the need but the desire both to provide the service and for the youth to be accessing that service," said Plummer.

A grand opening will be held this spring.

Dr. Karaguesian retires

After 23 years with HHHS, Dr. Greg Karaguesian has retired from emergency medicine. Karaguesian was a full-time emergency department physician at Haliburton Hospital, chief of staff from 2014 to 2017 and the Haliburton emergency department physician lead for the past two years. Plummer thanked Karaguesian for his contributions to HHHS and the community, saying he had gone "above and beyond in many situations to help support the team during time of crisis," and wished him well.



Bowling for VDO

Above, Toronto resident and cottager Mike Parker bowls at the Dollars for Dentures Bowla thon fundraising event for the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County on Saturday, March 30 at The Fast Lane Bowling Centre in Minden. The event attracted 40 bowlers for the afternoon and raised close to \$4,400 for denture lab costs. This total is likely to rise as a few more donations are expected. The VDO has provided \$2.6 million in free dentistry to 853 patients, who have had 7,319 appointments since it started.



Left, volunteer dentist Steve Kerr addresses participants at the bowlathon. /DARREN LUM Staff

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CHA requests shoreline protection bylaw

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations is advocating for the creation of a county-wide shoreline protection bylaw mandating naturalized shorelines.

CHA board chairman Paul MacInnes gave county councillors a detailed presentation stressing the benefits of natural shorelines during a March 27 meeting.

"The lakes are the foundation of Haliburton County," MacInnes said, noting that everything the community is built on – cottaging, tourism, real estate, its jobs – is ultimately tied to its nearly 600 lakes.

Natural shorelines – those that are largely untouched, include native plant species and are free of manmade hazards such as lawns, retaining walls and docks – have a direct bearing on lake health. They prevent erosion, provide habitat for wildlife such as fish, frogs, butterflies and benthics, and filter pollutants such as phosphorous. Phosphorous is public enemy No. 1 when it comes to lake health in Haliburton County and is the culprit behind blue-green algae blooms.

When large enough, algae blooms not only make lakes unsafe for swimming, but also, in severe cases, render them effectively dead.

"Water quality in any lake with less than 75 per cent natural shoreline is headed down," MacInnes said.

Throughout Haliburton County, 48 per cent of the shoreline is natural.

"The question is, how much time do we have?" MacInnes said, adding that climate change is changing the rules quickly in a way that cannot be fully understood.

According to the Canadian Real Estate Association, one algae bloom on a lake can reduce property values by as much as 30 per cent, and MacInnes said there are lakes that have had repeated algae blooms where property values have declined by as much as half.

There were eight reported sightings of algae blooms in Haliburton County last summer, with one, which later dissipated, confirmed by the MOE in Algonquin Highlands.

"We have lakes that are less susceptible and more susceptible to algae blooms," MacInnes said.

He'd done some calculations, and said that if 40 per cent of the lakes in the county experienced a 30 per cent drop in property values, that would equate to \$732 million in lost assessment.

"You don't come to county council unless you have done something to help yourself, in my mind," MacInnes said, as he reviewed the host of programming regarding lake health, septic systems and natural shorelines the CHA has undertaken during its decade of existence.

"We can't reach everybody," he said, adding that of the 587 lakes in the county, about 100 of them have lake associations.

MacInnes, who noted he was preaching to the converted with regard to county councillors, said new property owners in particular are often unaware of the negative implications that shoreline alteration has on lake health. While the county has

a tree-cutting bylaw that prohibits the cutting down of trees within a 30-metre distance of lakes, MacInnes said some property owners will leave the trees, but remove all of the other, important, native vegetation from shoreline areas.

"If we lose the lakes, we lose our ability to pay for our other priorities," MacInnes told councillors, adding, "There are no good reasons not to do this."

"You have given us some stark bits of information," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen.

Council received MacInnes's report for information.

Water and sewer rates up

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lower-tier level and does not include taxes paid to the upper tier of the County of Haliburton. Taxes at the upper-tier level are increasing 5.72 per cent, equating to an increase of \$11.39 for every \$100,000 of assessment.

There will be a five per cent increase in water and waste water billing to accommodate increased costs and future capital needs.

The Minden Hills budget, to which there are no more expected changes, is scheduled to be formally passed on April 11.

Arena loan

Minden Hills will apply to Infrastructure Ontario, an agency of the provincial government, for a loan to cover the bulk of the cost of the \$13-million S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena renewal project.

The township will apply for a loan of up to \$12.5 million, with the stipulation that any loan advances in excess of \$11.9 million receive prior approval from council. The township will also be applying for grants and conducting a fundraising campaign to help cover the cost of the project, which will include the construction of a brand new arena, new gymnasium and renovations to the existing community centre building. The loan repayment will likely be debentured over a 30-year period. The new building is expected to have a lifespan of at least 40 years, according to the architectural and construction

firms working on the project.

Township creates fundraising campaign

Council has directed the arena task force to put out a call to the public, stakeholders, user groups and community organizations for a fundraising campaign to help cover the costs of the \$13-million S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena renewal project. Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin has said he believes it's possible for as much as \$1 million to be raised. A groundbreaking ceremony for the project is scheduled for Friday, April 26, and it's anticipated the project will be completed in time for the 2020/21 ice season.

Devolin named to EORN board

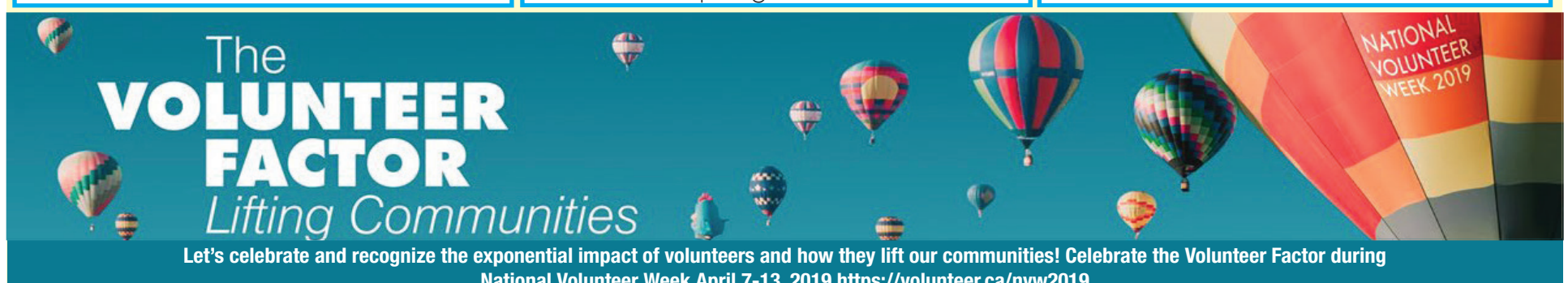
Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin has been named to the board of directors for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, owned by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. EORN is currently working on a project to expand mobile broadband internet throughout eastern Ontario, including in Haliburton County. EORN is looking for \$71 million from the federal government to match \$71 million that has been committed by the province to the project and while there was \$1.7 billion for rural broadband included in the recent federal budget, there has not yet been an official announcement regarding the EORN request. The remainder of the funding for the \$213-million project would come from the involved municipalities, as well as the mobile service provider companies.



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Money meant for streamlining, CAO suggests

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

County councillors discussed what the municipality might do with new funding from the province during a meeting on March 27.

Late last month, the heads of local council received correspondence from Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark, informing them their municipalities would be receiving one-time grants.

The County of Haliburton will receive \$725,000, Dysart et al and Minden Hills each \$542,255, Highlands East \$534,469 and Algonquin Highlands \$532,292.

"I believe there will be an expectation that we will be reducing our costs," county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter told councillors.

Part of the letter from Clark reads: "While this investment is unconditional, it is intended to help modernize service delivery and reduce future costs through investments in projects such as: service delivery reviews, development of shared services agreements, and capital investments. Our government believes that municipalities are best positioned to understand the unique circumstances and determine how this money is spent."

At a special budget meeting in February, county councillors agreed the municipality should embark on a governance review/shared service exploration.

"As all local municipalities are represented at the county council table, it was agreed that the conversation should take place at the county level and migrate down to the four municipalities as required," read a report from County Warden Liz Danielsen.

Rutter told councillors he was meeting the CAOs of the four lower tiers regarding the governance review, and said he would bring a staff report back to council. An inventory of services already shared by the municipalities is expected to be completed in May.

"We all received substantial amounts of money that certainly has service delivery review attached in the language," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. Moffatt suggested that perhaps some of the money be used towards community safety and wellness plans the province is requiring municipalities to complete, and "which we feel will end up costing more money than it's worth," Moffatt said.

Councillors all seemed to agree the mandated plans were a waste of time, with Danielsen saying that sentiment extends to other municipalities throughout the province.

"Everybody is off the charts that it is ridiculous, it's onerous, it's too expensive, it's just useless," Danielsen said, adding there was some advocacy for asking that the requirement be removed.

While everyone may agree the plans are not useful, municipalities are still mandated to complete them, Moffatt noted.

County starts climate change plan process

Haliburton County council is supporting the creation of a climate change plan for the county and its lower tiers, after receiving a staff report on how that process will unfold during a March 27 planning committee meeting.

The county's planning committee consists of all of county council and will for this term be chaired by Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton.

The staff report was drafted by county planner Charley White and public works director Craig Douglas, who explained he and White had looked at climate change plans created by, and/or implemented in other municipalities.

"Municipalities are doing it all a little bit differently," Douglas said, but indicated that it is common for climate change planning to start within a municipality's own offices and operations, and then expand outwards into the community at large. So, often, there are at least two separate plans: one for climate change adaptation within local government, and one for climate change adaptation within the community it serves.

As White pointed out, often the municipal house needs to be put in order before the wider community plan can be implemented.

"If we're asking everyone to consider recycling, and consider composting, do we have to have places for them to take that?" she said.

The idea is to create one cohesive plan, for the upper-tier of the county itself and its four lower-tier governments. This will include the creation of working groups of municipal staff, as well as consultation with the respec-

tive environmental committees of each of the four lower tiers, as well as other stakeholders and the public at large.

The plan is for the county to hire a climate change co-ordinator in the fall of 2019, "once the scope of work, phasing, governance, and professional qualification of potential staff are finalized," the staff report reads.

County council included \$40,000 for climate change in the 2019 budget, and it's estimated the cost in 2020 will be \$125,000 for staff wages, benefits and project costs.

Next steps include county staff presenting the framework for the climate change plan to each of the lower-tier councils, seeking resolutions of support and for dedication of staff time.

"It's pragmatic ... step by step ... and it appears not to be putting the cart in front of the horse," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts wondered, once a plan was created, if that would bring changes to requirements such as the way ditches are constructed.

"When we have a plan, will it change what our standards are?" Roberts asked.

"For sure, that's one of the rabbit holes we'll have to go down, as we move forward," Douglas said.

"We need to make sure what we can do is sustainable and achievable," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, who noted she thought there'd be an abundance of residents interested in getting involved with the project.

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Pantry closes for season

DORSET NEWS

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The Baysville & Dorset Winter Pantry is now closed for the season. From November 2018 to March 2019 they provided bi-weekly food support to 16 local families, representing 45 individuals. The Pantry would like to thank the incredible volunteers who shopped, sorted food and looked after clients for the past five months. They also note that they couldn't do this without the support of their donors. The businesses, community groups, cottagers and residents of Baysville and Dorset have been so generous. Whether you gave a can of soup or a cheque for \$1,000, they sincerely thank each and every one of you. The Pantry will re-open in November and you can follow them on Facebook and

Instagram, Winter Pantry – Baysville and Dorset, for updates and information on how you can become involved.

Have you ever wondered what life was like in Dorset, Baysville and Dwight in the '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s? A Facebook group called Lake of Bays, Through The Years, has been started to share stories and photos from years gone by that can be referenced when working on heritage projects, books, or just for fun. Join the group to see old photos, read old stories, and learn about the incredible past of these towns. Have a question? Ask away, someone is sure to have the answer. It's also a great way to re-connect with people from your past.

Happy birthday to Laura Flynn, Rick Morris, Connor Crewson, Jean MacInnis, Katherine Martinko and Bev Robinson. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.



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Money for nothing

JUST AS THERE is no such thing as a truly free lunch, there is no such thing as truly no-strings-attached funding from the provincial government to municipalities.

Late last month, a number of Ontario municipalities, including all five councils within Haliburton County, were informed they'd be receiving one-time funding from the province through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. And the amounts are nothing to scoff at. The upper tier of the county will receive \$725,000, Minden Hills and Dysart et al each \$542,255, Highlands East \$534,469 and Algonquin Highlands \$532,292. So collectively, we're talking about some \$2.8 million, which of course, at first blush, seems like a good thing.

However, it seems the money is intended for a pretty specific purpose and one must wonder what the provincial government is priming the county for with nearly \$3 million in surprise dollars.

A letter from Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark to heads of council is pretty telling. While it refers to the funding as "unconditional," it quickly makes clear what it is to be used for.

"While this investment is unconditional, it is intended to help modernize service delivery and reduce future costs through investments in projects such as: service delivery reviews, development of shared services agreements, and capital investments," the letter reads.

"I believe there will be an expectation that we will be reducing our costs," county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter told councillors last week.

So, municipalities are essentially being paid by the province to

streamline their own operations. That makes it seem pretty likely that municipalities can expect to take a substantial hit when it comes to provincial funding in the next few years. There was uncertainty regarding whether local governments would receive money from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund this budget year. While that equalization funding has been confirmed for 2019, it's uncertain whether this funding will continue in the future. Collectively, Haliburton County and its lower tiers currently receive approximately \$7 million per year from the fund, used to offset general operating costs. Were that funding to disappear, it would have to be compensated for, either through service reductions or property tax increases.



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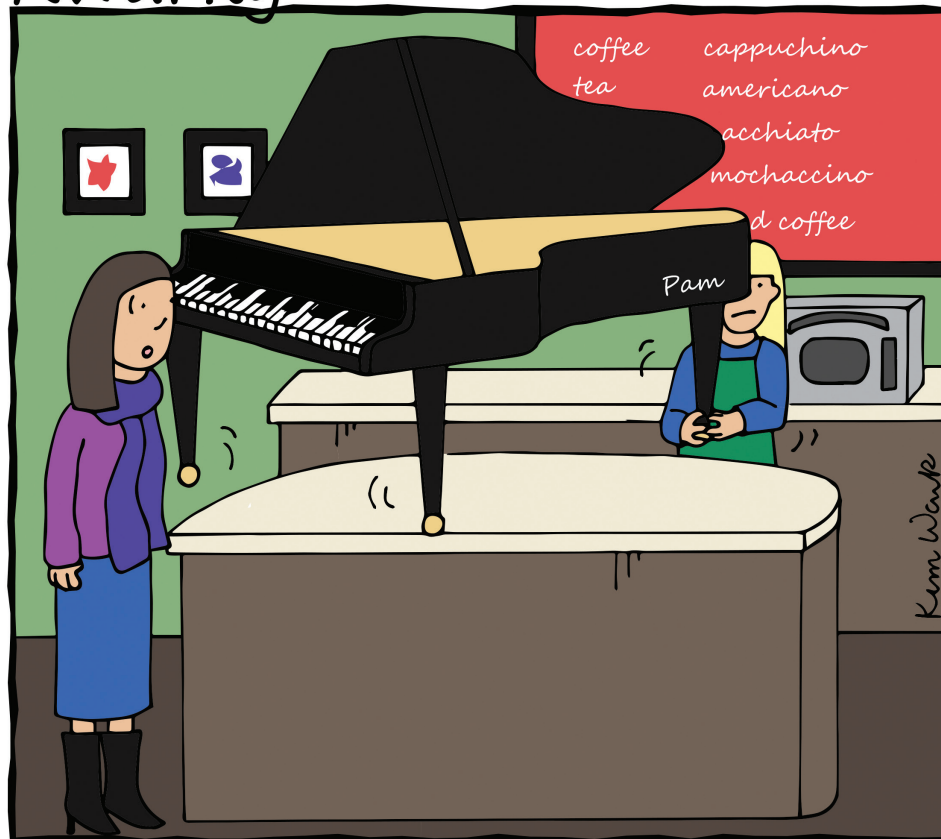
We know that Premier Doug Ford is over-interested in municipal affairs. Recall his government's slashing of Toronto city council by half its members in the lead-up to last fall's municipal election, or the provincial review that is being conducted of Ontario's eight regional governments. If anyone thought that the province's smaller communities were going to be left alone, this funding announcement should make it clear that is not going to be the case.

The County of Haliburton is undertaking a governance review/ exploration of shared services and while there doesn't seem to be an overwhelming appetite for amalgamation among members of the current county council, a potential single-tier framework should be part of that governance review.

If the county does not take sufficient steps to improve its efficiency, it seems quite likely the premier is willing to take those steps for us.

Beware a free lunch.

Kwarky



"I didn't order a grande."

Child's play

LATELY, AND because this seems to be the winter that will never end, I have taken to reading books on bushcraft and outdoors survival – just in case my day job goes real bad. I have learned many interesting things too.

Mostly, that every survival technique worth knowing about was something we all did routinely as kids – predominantly because we were bored. For instance, every improvised outdoor shelter they show in one book I'm reading – from lean-tos to debris huts – falls under the category of what we used to call "building a fort."

This is something every kid in my day could have earned an architectural degree for – and, if we weren't building forts, we were making shelters in snow banks, uprooted trees, piles of leaves, hollow logs, culverts or under the low hanging bows of evergreens. The point is a kid knows how to stay warm and dry when they want to.

Also, what kid hasn't started a fire with a magnifying glass, become deadly with a slingshot, made a bow and arrow, thrown a few spears, built a raft, caught snakes and frogs, found edible berries or cut his own fishing pole from a sapling? And don't even get me started about collecting worms.

In fact, all the techniques that the experts are trying to convey in the book I am currently reading makes me think the author is either currently in grade school or has a couple of nine-year-old kids as consultants.

As for who is better at finding food, I would put a hungry 13-year-old up against any survival expert in the world. In fact, I'd bet that if a pair of 10-year-old girls

were lost deep in the wilderness, when the rescuers found them, they'd have to buy home-made lemonade and cookies from their stand before they left.

Heck, if my childhood is any indication at all, most kids typically have a week's worth of old candy in their pockets at any given time – and at least a day or two in their hair.

The only real difference is the terminology. When adults eat edible grubs, they refer to it as eating much-needed protein. Kids simply call it "winning a dare."

There also seems to be a segment of adults who go on "bushcraft weekends," which kids in my day used to refer to as "tell your mom you are sleeping over at my place and I'll tell my mom I'm sleeping over at yours."

During these weekends, the adults build forts – I mean shelters – practice primitive ways to build a fire – and then use a lighter when no one is

looking. They assess their surroundings for immediate threats too. (Also known as other adults who will make fun of them.)

Attitude is discussed in great length in these books as well. The main message is that you have to have a positive attitude and believe this survival situation will end with you making it home. A kid's attitude is a little different. They think, you have to have a positive attitude and believe this survival situation will not end so you don't have to go home.

What's most interesting, however, is how similar the adult bushcrafter and the average kid is. The adults would know this if they remembered their childhood and the kids would too, if they stopped having fun and read these books.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Politicking with anger

MANY YEARS ago I was coached not to write anything in anger. Anger allowed to chill makes for cooler thoughts and prudent words.

I have tried to follow that advice over the past week.

What sparked my recent anger was Premier Doug Ford's unintelligent and short-sighted remarks about mainstream journalists becoming irrelevant in today's Ontario society. He accused journalists of being "far-left" and intent on deliberately distorting the messages of politicians.

He said he bypasses professional news media and delivers his government's news and views directly to the people through social media – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.

That's a common howl among the world's demagogues – a twisted opinion that unfortunately is spreading during a time of huge change and trauma in journalistic organizations. And it is an opinion supported by little evidence, and certainly no facts, except for those that demagogues invent for themselves.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

I am a part of a family of journalists, have been a journalist all of my life, have many friends that are journalists and have worked with journalists whose health and happiness has been damaged by their dedication to doing their job. So I find Ford's remarks insulting and hurtful.

People could care less about how those remarks affect me or any other individual journalist. They should, however, care about how they affect journalism, a fundamental element of democracy.

The journalist's job can be explained in two simple words: Observe and report. And observe and report as fairly and honestly as is humanly possible.

Journalists are not perfect and sometimes slip off track. So do doctors, truck drivers, lawyers, grocery store clerks, or anyone doing a job. But in any job, deliberate intent to distort and do damage is rare.

And because people are not perfect, there are checks and balances in their jobs. The work of journalists is monitored by editors and by press-media councils that administer codes of practice and investigate complaints from the public. Most journalistic organizations work under some form of code of conduct.

There are no editors, no codes of practice, no monitoring for facts and fairness in social media. Social media can be a helpful connecting point between family and friends, but generally is an open sewer often used by people with diarrhea of the brain.

It takes zero research, little critical thinking, and just a few seconds to write a 240-character blurb on Twitter, or a fast post on Facebook. It takes hours of interviews, research and writing to produce a 500-word balanced report on government changes to autism funding.

Many politicians don't like the traditional, professional media because it does not always produce stories they like. They want to see and hear only stories about them that have favourable spin.

John Stackhouse, former editor of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, addressed this back in 2013 before the Ontario Press Council:

"It is the responsibility of journalists to document facts that perhaps those leaders don't want to be known. . . but the voting public and society at large needs to know much more than what elected officials want published. Ultimately it is up to the public to decide what to do with the information, but journalists need to be impartial witnesses and publish as much reasonable and defensible information as they can so that citizens, who do not have access to the same resources to question and challenge authority, can make up their own minds."

Stackhouse made that statement while responding to complaints about *Globe and Mail* and *Toronto Star* coverage of the Ford family.

Certainly Premier Ford does not want to read or hear the stories questioning the fairness of having a buddy appointed commissioner of the OPP. Nor would he have liked the reporting of the public criticism that forced his government to back down on changes to autism funding.

Getting the government's news and views to the public through social media didn't seem to help him in those two instances.

My guess is that those two cases had him angry when he stood before a convention of conservative thinkers last week and said professional journalists are losing the battle to inform people.

I guess he never had a coach who warned him about writing or speaking in anger. Anger and bias are poor substitutes for critical thinking and facts.

letters to the editor

Protect ECE wages

This is a love letter to all Early Childhood Educators...

The past few months have been tough as our sector has advocated strongly and loudly for what we know we deserve.

What would you do if you no longer had a child care provider?

As someone working in the Early Learning and Care sector without a background in ECE (I work in an admin role for Compass Early Learning & Care), I have to say that although I have always supported the continuation of the Provincial Wage Enhancement Grant to ECEs in Ontario, I didn't fully appreciate its importance until I spent five minutes in a toddler room.

There is nothing in the world that can prepare you for the responsibility of having five infants and toddlers in your care. While visiting one of our beautiful childcare centres, I agreed to spend a few minutes out in the toddler yard while the usual Early Childhood Educator took a quick break to go to the washroom.

Let me give you a bit of background – I absolutely LOVE children. Whenever I have the opportunity to take care of a friend's child, I jump at the chance! I love the natural curiosity, kindness, and eagerness with which toddlers approach the world, and I find it rejuvenating to spend time with them, as it brings out my best qualities too, as we explore the world together. There are many special little ones in my life, and I have even spent an overnight or two caring for children, although I don't have any myself. Looking after one or two children is one thing, but beyond that, it becomes an incredible practice in alert awareness, mindful presence, quick reflexes, and an incredible amount of patience!

I was absolutely delighted to have this opportunity to put my passion in education and early childhood education to practice. While there is no way to convey this without experiencing it yourself, let me at least attempt to describe it for those who hadn't considered what it might be like to be an Early Childhood Educator...

As I stood outside on the freezing cold day for what was probably less than five minutes, here is what I had to juggle. I rotated between holding and calming a fussing baby and a toddler who seemed insistent on experiencing the snow without mittens, keeping track of another baby who was dozing off in a sled, as well as managing to keep the other two toddlers safe as they exercised their independence, climbing up and down icy hills and stairs, testing their tolerance for risk, which is an important daily practice for toddlers!

To any seasoned educator, this was a calm, av-

erage day, but for me, it was the most responsibility I've ever felt (though I've worked for several organizations and have been on boards for organizations with budgets of millions of dollars)! Beyond this humbling five-minute exercise, the educator would then go on to help some with the potty, change diapers of others, serve food, clean up after lunch, keep them engaged in educational activities based on their emerging interests and needs, as well as document it all in order to share the day's learnings with parents. ECEs are our unsung heroes!

Needless to say, by the end of my five minutes (which felt far longer) of merely keeping them safe, I knew exactly why we MUST preserve the wage enhancement grant. Registered Early Childhood Educators deserve \$1 million per year each! The very least we can do is ensure they maintain a modest \$2/hour top up to their wages to keep their jobs financially viable.

If ECEs lost their wage enhancement grant, many would have to find alternate employment in order to meet their basic needs. The implications on our society would be huge. What would you do if you no longer had a child care provider?

As a child care organization, we know that quality childcare means investment in staff, which is why we work hard to provide meaningful personal and professional development opportunities for our staff. We also know that one of the things that retains good staff is decent wages. As an organization, we have made the commitment to be a 'living wage employer,' and have done extensive market research to ensure we keep up with the cost of living in all of our service areas.

In order to meet this wage without putting the burden entirely onto parents, we rely on funding such as the Provincial Wage Enhancement Grant. If it were to disappear, the cost of keeping good staff would end up directly on the shoulders of parents, as we would not, and cannot afford to take away \$2/hour from each of our staff and continue to run an organization that prides itself on offering licensed, quality child care to all of our children and families.

I invite you to sign your name to a petition calling for the Ontario Government to continue the Provincial Wage Enhancement Grant as a small action of solidarity toward the women and men who care for the next generation – arguably the most important job in the world!

Hanah Howlett McFarlane
Communications Coordinator
Compass Early Learning & Care

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Chamber awards recognize hard work, community involvement

by JENN WATT
Editor

Steve Todd was named this year's Highlander of the Year at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards held on Saturday, March 30 at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

John and Holly MacDonald of Lakeview Motel presented the award.



Haliburton County Deputy Warden Dave Burton announced the County Warden's Award was won by Harvest Haliburton. The County Warden's Award was chosen by this year's Warden, Liz Daniels, who did not attend the gala. There were 12 awards given out at the gala./DARREN LUM Staff

"This prestigious award recognizes a citizen for outstanding contribution and community leadership, demonstrated for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands," said John MacDonald. "... The Highlander of the Year is a community enthusiast, a true ambassador who has contributed in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, economic development, the environment, etc., etc."

Todd, owner of Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton, said it's been his philosophy since his business opened in 2005 to support as many groups as possible every year.

"I've always had an outlook on things [in which] I don't support one group in general or a few groups, I kind of support all groups, whatever I can do," he said in an interview with the *Times*.

Groups approach his business with a range of requests for support and he said he does his best to help out.

He is also a board member with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and sponsors a fundraising bonspiel each year. In the last 10 years, the bonspiel has raised about \$35,000 for health services.

The person who nominated Todd for the award noted the breadth of giving: "Steve gives generously to this community by donating to any charity that asks, and his contributions to the local food bank have been extremely substantial to help many families in need. Steve deserves to be recognized as an ambassador to this community by receiving the Highlander of the Year award."

Before settling in Haliburton, Todd worked in several towns and cities including Ottawa, Bowmanville and Cobourg. He said the people in Haliburton have been incredibly welcoming.

"Everybody always says what a beautiful place we live in, but I don't think it's the place as much as the people that make it special. The people are unbelievable," he said. "I came from another town, I didn't grow up here, but I was welcomed with open arms. I've always been treated like a local, like I've lived here for my entire life ... So if I can give back a little bit any way I can, that's why I do it."

Mike Jaycock was master of ceremonies for the dinner, poking fun at politicians and newsmakers and celebrating those in the audience who had given much to the advancement of the community over the past year.

The chamber also screened their new video, created to recruit young people to move to the Highlands to work or establish businesses.

Awards were given out throughout the evening to recognize various sectors of the economy.

Award winners

Innovation and Creativity Award – Haliburton Solar and Wind

Not-for-Profit of the Year Award – Rotary Club of Haliburton

Customer First - Business Award – Haliburton Solar and Wind

Customer First - Employee Award – Shontel Neville (Heat-Line Freeze Protection Systems)

Business Achievement Award – Haliburton Solar and Wind

New Business of the Year Award – Haliburton County Chiropractic & Rehabilitation

Tourism & Hospitality Award – Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve

Young Professional of the Year Award – Dr. Kassie Wright (Haliburton County Chiropractic & Rehabilitation)

Skilled Trades & Industry Award – Haliburton Solar and Wind

Entrepreneur of the Year Award – Brandi Hewson (WAI Products Ltd.)

County Warden's Award – Harvest Haliburton

Highlander of the Year Award – Steve Todd



Brian Nash owner of Haliburton Solar and Wind learns he's won the Customer First - Business Award, which was the first of four awards (along with Business Achievement, Skilled Trades and Industry, Innovation and Creativity) the business won at the 13th annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala.

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The Bancroft Jets Girls Hockey Association (BJGHA) is hosting a free Spring skate/pre-tryout on the following dates and times. The purpose of this skate is for any girl interested in playing girls only rep hockey, to try a practice and a short scrimmage, to see if they are interested in playing and to help our association plan for the 2019/2020 season. There is no commitment in coming out for this skate. It is open to all girls currently registered with BJGHA or who has never previously registered with another OWHA team.

Official tryouts for the BJGHA teams will be held in September where all girls are welcome to tryout (girls currently rostered on a another OWHA team, will need a "Permission To Skate" form at the September tryouts).

Please contact Paul Hedley (paulhedley@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thursday April 11th 2019

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Atom Girls (2009-2010)
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Bantam Girls (2005-2006)

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Nominees

Above Board Carpentry
Bark Lake Leadership & Conference Centre
Haliburton Solar & Wind
Bank of Montreal – Haliburton
IJES Camera Support Systems
Yummy Mummy Emporium and Apothecary

And The Winner Is:

Haliburton Solar & Wind



The Warden's Award is Awarded to: Harvest Haliburton



Customer First – Business

Sponsored by: Technicalities Plus

Nominees

Parish & Strano, Re/Max North Country Realty Inc. Brokerage
Bank of Montreal – Haliburton
Cottage Care Rentals
I Love Your Dog
Haliburton Driving Range
Haliburton Solar & Wind
Hilary Morrin, Engel & Völkers Real Estate
Hodgkinson Enterprises
Minden Animal Hospital
Needful Things
Pretty Paws Pet Boutique and Spa
Walker's Home Hardware
Wintergreen Maple Products

And The Winner Is:

Haliburton Solar & Wind



Customer First – Employee

Sponsored by: Walkers Home Hardware

Nominees

Angelika Walter – Aprons & Soaps
Donna McCallum – Abbey Retreat Centre
Kasara McKay – Boshkung Brewing Company
Morgan Fisher – Minden Animal Hospital
Renee Griffith – Bonnieview Inn
Shani Hurd – Cordell Carpet
Shay Hutchings – Haliburton County
Chiropractic & Rehabilitation
Shontel Neville – Heat-Line Freeze Protection Systems
Tammy Warburton – Highland Glass & Windows
Tracey Morrison – Kosy Korner
Trista Greer – Shopper's Drug Mart

And The Winner Is:

**Shontel Neville, Heat Line
Freeze Protection Systems**



Entrepreneur of the Year

Sponsored by: Patient News

Nominees

Graham Borgdorff – Above Board Carpentry
Morgan Burke – The Birds and the Bees
Brandi Hewson – WAI Products
Brian Nash – Haliburton Solar & Wind
Steve Stewart – Minden Electric
Generator Solutions
Paul Roy – Upriver Trading Company
Amanda Vollmer – Yummy Mummy Emporium
and Apothecary

And The Winner Is:

**Brandi Hewson,
WAI Products**



Highlander of the Year

Sponsored by:
Lakeview Motel/Resort

Nominees

Brad Park
David Zilstra
Rick Lowes
Steve Todd

And The Winner Is:

**Steve Todd,
Todd's Independent Grocer**



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Innovation & Creativity

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Nominees

Abbey Gardens
The Birds and the Bees
Cottage Care Rentals
Haliburton Solar & Wind

And The Winner Is:
Haliburton Solar & Wind



New Business

Sponsored by: Buy Close By

Nominees

Haliburton County Chiropractic and Rehabilitation
HaliHammock
Hunters Edge
Mega Munch
Russell Red Records
TheOccurrence

And The Winner Is:
**Haliburton County
Chiropractic and Rehabilitation**



Not-for-Profit of the Year

Sponsored by: BMO

Nominees

Compass Early Learning and Care
Rotary Club of Haliburton
Haliburton County Home Builders' Association
Haliburton Highlands Land Trust
Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre
Haliburton County Red Wolves

And The Winner Is:
Rotary Club of Haliburton



Skilled Trades & Industry

Sponsored by: Minden Subaru

Nominees

Above Board Carpentry
Brown & Co.
Churko Electric
Haliburton Solar & Wind
Hodgkinson Enterprises
IJES Camera Support Systems
Jones Mobile Repair

And The Winner Is:
Haliburton Solar & Wind



Tourism & Hospitality

Sponsored by: OHTO and County of Haliburton
Tourism Department

Nominees

Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre
Castle Antiques
Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve

And The Winner Is:
**Haliburton Forest &
Wildlife Reserve**



Young Professional of the Year

Sponsored by: BDC

Nominees

Anna Schleifenbaum
Chyna Schell
Dr. Kassie Wright
Victoria Bingham

And The Winner Is:
**Dr. Kassie Wright, Haliburton County
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Chess challenge

Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Grade 1 student Nixon Ecclestone competes in the 2019 TLDSB District Chess Championship on Tuesday, April 2 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. ASES had 14 students from Grade 1 to 6 competing. Nearly 160 girls and boys from Grade 1 to 8 vied for an opportunity to advance to the provincials, the 2019 Canadian Chess Challenge Ontario Championships on Sunday, April 14 at the Mississauga Convention Centre. Two ASES students, Grade 2 Liam Frith and Grade 6 Haiden Bird earned provincial berths./DARREN LUM Staff



Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Grade 6 student Nathan Bellefeuille ponders his next move.

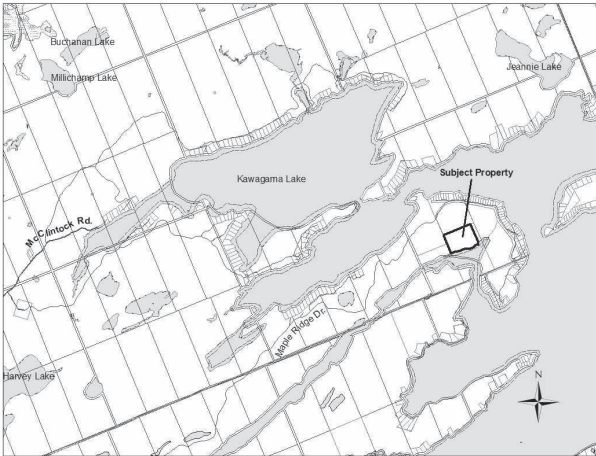


NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR A PLAN OF SUBDIVISION
*Sub Sections 51(20) of the Planning Act
Section 5, O.Reg. 544/06*

File Nos.: 46-T-19001
Subject Land: Part of Lot 27, Concession 1, Geographic Township of McClintock
Municipality: Township of Algonquin Highlands
Applicant: Building Arts Developments Inc.

TAKE NOTICE: A complete application for a proposed plan of subdivision will be heard for a decision by the Council of the County of Haliburton.

DATE: April 24, 2019
MEETING START TIME: 9:00 am
LOCATION: County Council Chambers
11 Newcastle Street, Minden



Please Note: Relevant comments received as part of the public participation process for this proposal were/will be considered by the decision maker for this proposal.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The application proposes to create a new four (4) lot plan of subdivision on the subject lands. The lots are proposed for resource based recreational use and will be water access only in a rural/waterfront area of the Township of Algonquin Highlands. Water access utilizing Kawagama Lake will be the primary means of access for each lot.

OTHER RELATED APPLICATIONS: None

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting was held by the County of Haliburton on March 27, 2019.

REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed plan of subdivision, or of the refusal of a request, you must make a written request to the Director of Planning, County of Haliburton.

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the approval authority to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

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Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 28 day of March, 2019.

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Province announces
improvement
projects for Hwy. 35

The provincial government is spending money to improve road conditions on Highway 35, MPP Laurie Scott announced last week.

Money is coming from the Ministry of Transportation and will include culvert upgrades and rehabilitation of the Gull River bridge in Moore Falls.

A press release from the MPP's office notes that the projects will create construction jobs and will keep highways reliable and safe.

Thirty projects in the eastern region of the province are going to tender with a combined value of \$195 million. Across the province there are 123 rehabilitation projects.

"This transportation infrastructure investment will improve road safety while creating good construction jobs in our riding and across the province," said Scott in the press release.

Staff

Snowmobile
association
closes trails

The calendar and spring have finally caught up with the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association. They have closed their 370 kilometres of trails in the county to all snowmobiling. The association says current snow cover is too inconsistent and the marked lake routes are glare ice making it unsafe for proper control of a snowmobile.

It was the best season in recent years for the HCSA in terms of grooming hours and trail availability and a much later than normal season ending date. The HCSA had several highlights; a bridge dedication and rebuilding, supporting dogsled races, Frost Fest, and the first ever winter carnival at Stuart Baker Elementary School.

The HCSA wishes to thank its more than 100 generous landowners for allowing the trails on their properties and the county's many businesses for their support.

Submitted by HCSA

A few facts on hemoglobin

I WENT TO give blood a couple of weeks ago and I was turned away right after the “finger prick” test. To be eligible to give blood the hemoglobin levels for females must be 125 g/L (130 g/L for males). Mine was 120 g/L. We tried three times. It was disappointing for sure. I’ve been giving on a regular basis for a couple of years now. Nothing feels better than giving blood. Besides, it’s the only time I eat Oreo cookies!



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

Through this experience I realized I know very little about hemoglobin so I decided it was time to learn about it and figure out how to keep my levels at a passing grade for donating blood.

Hemoglobin is that part of our blood that transports oxygen from our lungs to the cells in our body. The hemoglobin molecule contains iron. An iron deficiency is the most common cause of a low hemoglobin measurement. A drop in hemoglobin levels can cause fatigue, headaches, dizziness, etc. Anemia is the result of significantly low hemoglobin levels. This is a potentially serious condition where the body doesn’t produce enough oxygen-bearing red blood cells.

Iron comes from the food we eat. Food like shellfish, spinach, organ meats (liver, etc.), legumes, red meat, pumpkin seeds, quinoa, turkey, broccoli, tofu, and dark chocolate are said to contain the highest amounts of iron per milligram. I am not a meat eater but there are foods from this list that I do consume on a regular basis. I’m so glad that dark chocolate is on the list.

I’m not really sure what happened to affect my hemoglobin test but I do know I had been eating a little differently than normal. I had switched to eating cereal instead of eggs for breakfast. When I do have eggs for breakfast there is

normally a couple of handfuls of spinach mixed in. I was away from home during that time as well so there could have been other changes that were taking place that I didn’t realize. Oh, and did I mention that I had a bit more alcohol than I normally do? Beer, wine, coffee, tea and cola drinks are all considered iron blockers meaning that they can block our body’s ability to absorb iron.

I’m bound and determined to be able to give blood at the next appointment so I’m paying more attention to my diet. Regardless, eating a well balanced diet leaves me feeling

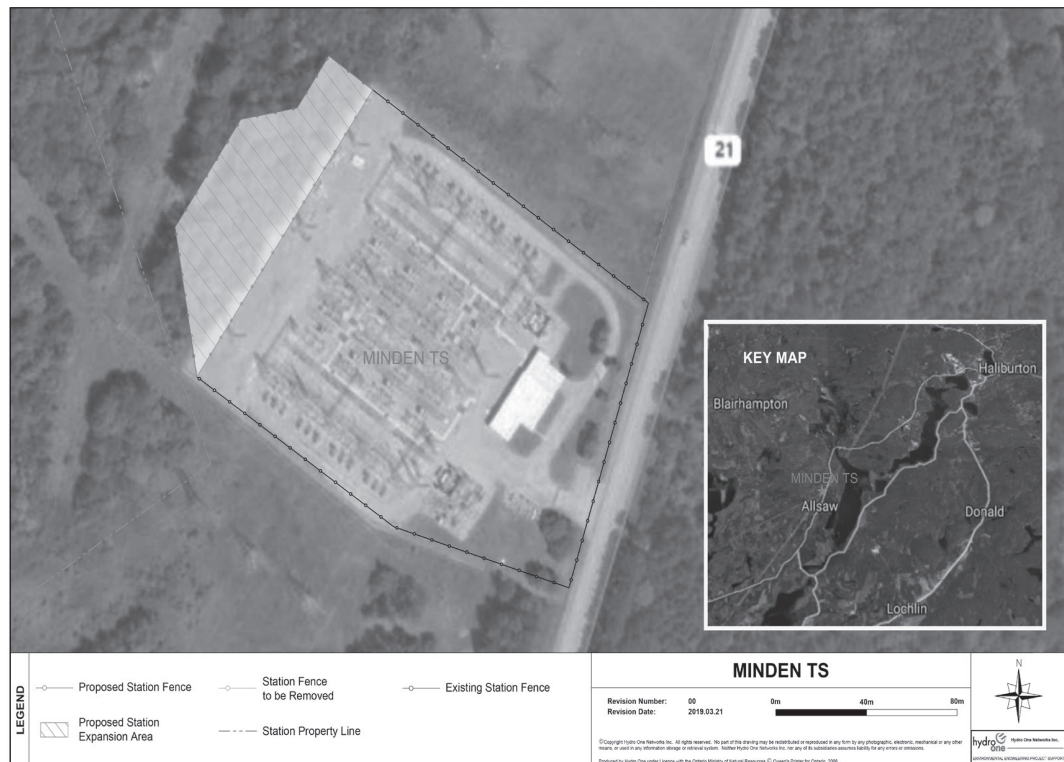
much better on a daily basis. I’m back into that routine. I’m off to find some pumpkin seeds to munch now with an orange, because the vitamin C in the orange helps with iron absorption!

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointfitness.com.

YOU’RE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE Minden Transformer Station Expansion Project

Much of Hydro One’s transmission system was built in the 1950s and is in need of investment. That’s why in mid-June 2019, we will start work to expand the Minden Transformer Station (TS). Once complete, this expansion will provide much needed electrical capacity for the Minden and Haliburton areas. The station is located on Haliburton County Rd 21 in Minden Hills. Investments in the system today will help protect the public, ensure reliability and offset far more costly work in the future.



What’s happened so far?

- Last summer, a fire at our Minden TS destroyed one of two transformers. Hydro One was able to restore power within a few hours to the 20,000 people affected by a power outage.
- A temporary replacement transformer was installed until the new transformer could be installed.

What’s included in the expansion?

- Installation of the new T1 transformer in its permanent location on the northwest side of the station.
- Tree removal on Hydro One’s property and extension of the station’s fence by approximately 0.28 hectare.
- Installation of the new T2 transformers and associated equipment.
- Installation of two (2) new buildings which will house critical electrical communication equipment.
- The removal of the old T2 transformer and associated equipment.

Project Timeline:

This work is expected to start in mid-June 2019 and be completed by March 2021. The removal of the T2 transformer will be completed by August 2021.

To learn more about this project, we encourage you to drop in at our Community Open House:

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Members of our team will be available to discuss the project, schedule and what you can expect when construction is occurring. We encourage you to attend and provide your input, ask questions and meet our team.

Keep in touch

If you would like more information about the project or have any questions,

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Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, March 25

High Average (cumulative)

Women – Chris Cote – 179

Men – Gary hunt – 206

This Week’s Highs – Women

High Single – Chris Cote – 263

High Single Hcp – Chris Cote – 300

High Triple – Chris Cote – 582

High Triple Hcp – Heather Lockman – 723

This Week’s Highs – Men

High Single – John Whitty – 249

High Single Hcp – John Whitty – 292

High Triple – Claude Cote – 642

High Triple Hcp – Claude Cote – 708

Tuesday afternoon, March 26

Men

High Average – Claude Cote 205

High Single – Claude Cote 260

High Single H/C – Bruce Shepherd 301

High Triple – Claude Cote 726

High Triple H/C – Claude Cote 780

Women

High Average – Chris Cote 185

High Single – Lynda Weir 178

High Single H/C – Shirley Venner 258

High Triple – Chris Cote 489

High Triple H/C – Shirley Venner 697

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Skylar Pratt 234

Andrea Austin 183

Emily Boccitto 163

Casey Heley 151

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Posing with the OMHA Midget CC finalist banner and the LJ “Larry” Belisle Trophy after the final, the Highland Storm Midget team roster, in no particular order, includes goalie Carson Sisson, Nik Dollo, Lucas Haedicke, Owen Gilbert, Shawn Walker, Benn MacNaull, Reese Casey, Tyson Clements, Brendan Coumbs, Desi Davies, Jacob Mitchell, Zach Morissette, Aiden Neave, Braeden Robinson, Nigel Smith, Braeden Vasey and goalie Ethan Glecoff. The coaching staff includes coach James Reilly, assistant coaches Rich Smith and (David) Jamie Dollo, goalie coach Clay Glecoff, and team manager, Scott Vasey. /DARREN LUM Staff

Storm loses, but finishes season as winners after OMHA finals

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

When the Highland Storm Midget boys’ team came up just shy of winning the OMHA Midget CC provincial final against the Twin Centre Stars this past Sunday at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, they were re-

mindful of their efforts by loved ones who joined them on the ice following the medal ceremony to congratulate them and to mark the occasion with photos. It wasn’t that there wasn’t disappointment among the team for the 2-1 loss, but there was recognition of their efforts and ability to execute when they needed to in order to be

among the few hockey teams left to play in the province this spring. After the game, coach James Reilly praised his team for winning the LJ “Larry” Belisle Trophy for finishing as a runner-up to the Stars, who won the series 3-1-2.

“I told them that they battled to the very end game, six and only came up one goal short and that they should be proud of themselves for the effort and commitment they demonstrated throughout this season and that facing this adversity will only make them stronger and better prepared for the future,” he wrote in an email.

Reilly said the difference in the final came down to discipline.

“It is hard to win a championship game while sitting in the penalty box and not playing at full strength,” he said.

In the third period when down 2-1, the Storm were short-handed for much of it, including close to five accumulative minutes of being down a pair of players (five on three advantage for Stars) with a little more than six minutes left in the game. Although the Storm didn’t allow a goal, the team was hard-pressed to find the equalizer.

In the end, the playoff series was decided by just four goals (12 goals allowed by the Storm and eight for the Stars).

What stood out in the final for Reilly was “what it took to develop a team to carry this far and what it takes to win. If one thing is not right or complete in your game and the opposing team is doing everything right it

usually ends up successful for the opponent,” he said.

Captain Shawn Walker was visibly disappointed and initially didn’t want to say more than just, “We gave it our all.”

However after a few minutes of photos with loved ones and teammates, Walker shared his thoughts on the season, his teammates and the final series.

He admits the team had its challenges in the regular season, particularly at the start, but finished strong.

“Once playoffs got closer we started to get deeper, more focused and more serious. Still had fun, obviously. Once playoffs came we were down two in the first round, dug deep and came back. Went on a high note from there. Third round right to the finals. Good start [in the final playoff series winning two]. Give credit to Twin Centre for not quitting. Sometimes it doesn’t go your way. We played amazing. I’m not saying we didn’t play good, but I think we played amazing. Puck didn’t go our way and [the trophy] ended up in their hands. Team did [play] strong. I’m proud of them all. It’s my last year. Always love them. They’re brothers to me. They’re like family,” he said.

Walker finished the interview by acknowledging the support from the fans.

“The fans this year from Haliburton were great, showing up to a playoff game with a full barn. We want to thank everybody and say thank you for that. Supporting us right to the finals straight to game six,” he said.

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Answers on page 20



Highland Storm player Benn MacNaull moves the puck, attempting to evade a Twin Centre Stars forechecker during the OMHA final on Sunday, March 31 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

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- Cook It Up**
Enjoy a FREE three-course lunch every Tuesday from 12 to 2 p.m. at Molly's Bistro Bakery in Minden as part of Cook It Up. An initiative of SIRCH, Cook It Up is a training program that helps unemployed and underemployed individuals gain skills for the food services industry. Lunches take place every week from March 12 until May 7.
- Irish Lunch Fundraiser**
When: Saturday March 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Highland Grove Recreation Centre
Irish Stew, Soda Bread, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert
Admission by Donation
All proceeds will be donated to our friend Ella. She is just 14 years old and has been diagnosed with advanced lymphoma.
Hope to see you there, EVERYONE is welcome!!!!
Hosted by Melissa Burroughs
- Home Ownership: The inside scoop**
When: Thursday April 4, 6 p.m.
Where: Medeba
This free event is hosted by the Young Professional Network. Panelists includes a realtor, finance officer, insurance broker and a home inspector. YPN is a sub-committee of the Chamber of Commerce. They are committed to networking with young people of Haliburton County by introducing them to social events, information sessions and sharing resources and businesses to help keep people in the county.
- Lindsay Train Show**
When: April 6 and 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Victoria Park Armoury
Presented by the Lindsay & District Model Railroaders.
Visit: lindsaytrainshow.ca
- Spaghetti Dinner**
When: Saturday, April 6, seating available 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Where: Lochlin Community Centre, 4713 Gelert Rd.
Spaghetti with homemade meat sauce served with Caesar salad, fresh rolls and a variety of desserts. Adults \$15, children 12 and under \$8, children five and under free.
For reservations, call Nancy: 705-286-3339
- Owl Prowl**
When: Saturday, April 6, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Land Trust Discover Day: Who goes "hoo" in the night?
Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and Belinda Gallagher and listen in the dark for owls calling. You will visit several locations on the Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey route which Pauline monitors for Bird Studies Canada. Owls are identified by their distinct calls. So listen and learn.
Admission by donation. Space is limited so please register at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.
- Lenten Lunch**
When: April 10
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church
Service at 12 noon, followed by soup lunch.
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The Red Hawks girls' curling team of Mackenzie Tidey, left, Chelsea Flynn, Holly Parish, Hannah Lewis and Jocelyn Chumbley (and staff advisor Cynthia McAlister) stand together following their win at the Gore Regionals competition on Feb. 2 at the Sutton Curling Club. Submitted by Cynthia McAlister.

**Lady Red Hawks curlers
congratulated on their season**

As the curling season wraps up, and a window of time makes itself available for writing and reflection, I would like to congratulate the Lady Red Hawk Curlers for their successful curling season this year, and to thank the Haliburton Curling Club and their volunteers for the successes of the Red Hawk curling teams.

This year, the Lady Red Hawks fielded two curling teams, and both were very successful in their event streams. The first Lady Red Hawk team led by skip Mackenzie Tidey, vice Chelsea Flynn, second Holly Parish, lead Hannah Lewis, and alternate Jocelyn Chumbley entered the Gore Mutual event stream. The curlers won the Gore Zones earning them a berth into the Gore Regionals, where they also earned a first place finish. Winning the regional qualifier meant the ladies were off to Pembroke for the Gore Provincials. I believe this is the fifth year in a row that Haliburton Highlands has sent a Lady Red Hawk team to Gore Provincials. Unfortunately, in the first game of play at provincials, the skip Mackenzie Tidey experienced a knee injury sidelining her for the rest of the competition. Chelsea Flynn stepped into skip position, with Kaylee Warren, an alternate provided by the Pembroke Curling Club, who stepped in as vice. Although the curlers played their best in the remaining round robin games, they did not make it into the playoffs.

On an individual note, I would like to congratulate Mackenzie Tidey for winning the Sportsmanship Award at the Gore Provincial Competition. Winning this award speaks volumes to the character of this young woman and athlete. The recipient of this award is chosen by the curlers of the other teams, not by the coaches, not by the convenors, and not by her teammates. Mackenzie played half of the first game, but her impact as a leader, a curler and an athlete, her genuine smiles and camaraderie were so prevalent, that without even going on the ice, her peer group bestowed upon her the highest honour – the Sportsmanship Award.

The second Lady Red Hawk Team led by skip Jessica

Byers, vice Lena Haase, second Savannah Byers, lead Hannah Lewis, and alternate Chelsea Flynn also did very well this season. The team had to make a few positional adjustments due to Mackenzie's injury. Lena stepped in as vice, Savannah moved up to second and Hannah came on as lead. The team won the Kawartha Championship earning them a berth into COSSA. At COSSA the women were silver medalists. They battled hard missing gold and a berth to OFSAA by one rock. Gore Zone champions. Gore Regionals champions. Gore Provincial finalists. Kawartha champions. COSSA silver medalists. When HHSS Red Hawk curlers enter a curling club, other teams know who we are. One might think that the Red Hawk success is due to a strong high school program, but that is not the case. The Red Hawk curling success is directly linked to the volunteers of the Elementary Youth Program that is largely funded and run by the Haliburton Curling Club.

"It takes a village to raise a child," and the village of volunteers at the Haliburton Curling Club need to be heralded for their incredible efforts and honoured for the countless hours dedicated to teaching the curling fundamentals to the youth of our community. These dedicated individuals have been bus-sing young people from JDH every Tuesday after school from October to March, providing the youth with snacks, providing the initial equipment, coaching the fundamentals, and organizing bonspiels as these young curlers grow and develop. And they have been doing so for years; I know because that is how my girls learned to curl and where they started their love of the sport.

So it is to all of the volunteers past and present that I give thanks.

To Hugh Nichol, Wanda Stephens, Bob and Anne MacNaull, Terry Lawrence, Dave Ablett, Dave Ogilvie, Russ Duhaime, Ron Draper, Lolita Mitchell, Linda Boore, the Aldoms, Cathy Chumbley, Dan Byers, Aggie Tose, the ice makers, and everyone else that I have missed. Thank you. Thank you from the perspective of a staff advisor for giving these young women the skills to play at the highest levels of competition. Thank you from the perspective of a parent for giving my team a passion for a sport that they will play for life. Thank you from the perspective of a community member for reminding us of the importance of volunteering and what it means in the lives of young people.

Submitted by Cynthia McAlister



With staff advisor Cynthia McAlister, left, the Red Hawks girls' curling team of Jessica Byers, Lena Haase, Savannah Byers, Hannah Lewis and Chelsea Flynn came together for a group photo following their Kawartha Championship 9-1 final win over TASS at the Omemee Curling Club. Submitted by Cynthia McAlister.

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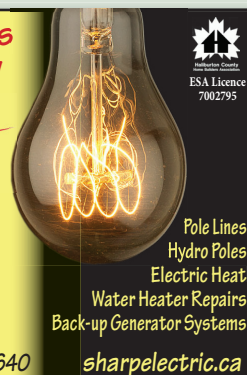
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Cautious optimism expressed over funding formula but questions remain

by Ariel White

The future may not be as bleak as anticipated for Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

After an initial review of the Ministry of Education funding formula for the next three years, the board is cautiously optimistic about the future of education in Haliburton, Victoria and Muskoka.

The Superintendent of Finance, Al Ingram, has been reviewing the funding formula since it was released Wednesday and says that it will take some time to break down the figures and information. "We are going to need weeks and possibly months to sort out how it will all be allocated," said Ingram. "Whether it is enough or it isn't we will have to live with it."

Ingram's biggest concern is with the lack of specific information regarding the allocation of funding. "We don't have the definite information to go with the different categories. This is the type of information we need. For example, does the computers portion cover equipment or technical staff?" says Ingram. "Those are the specifics we need."

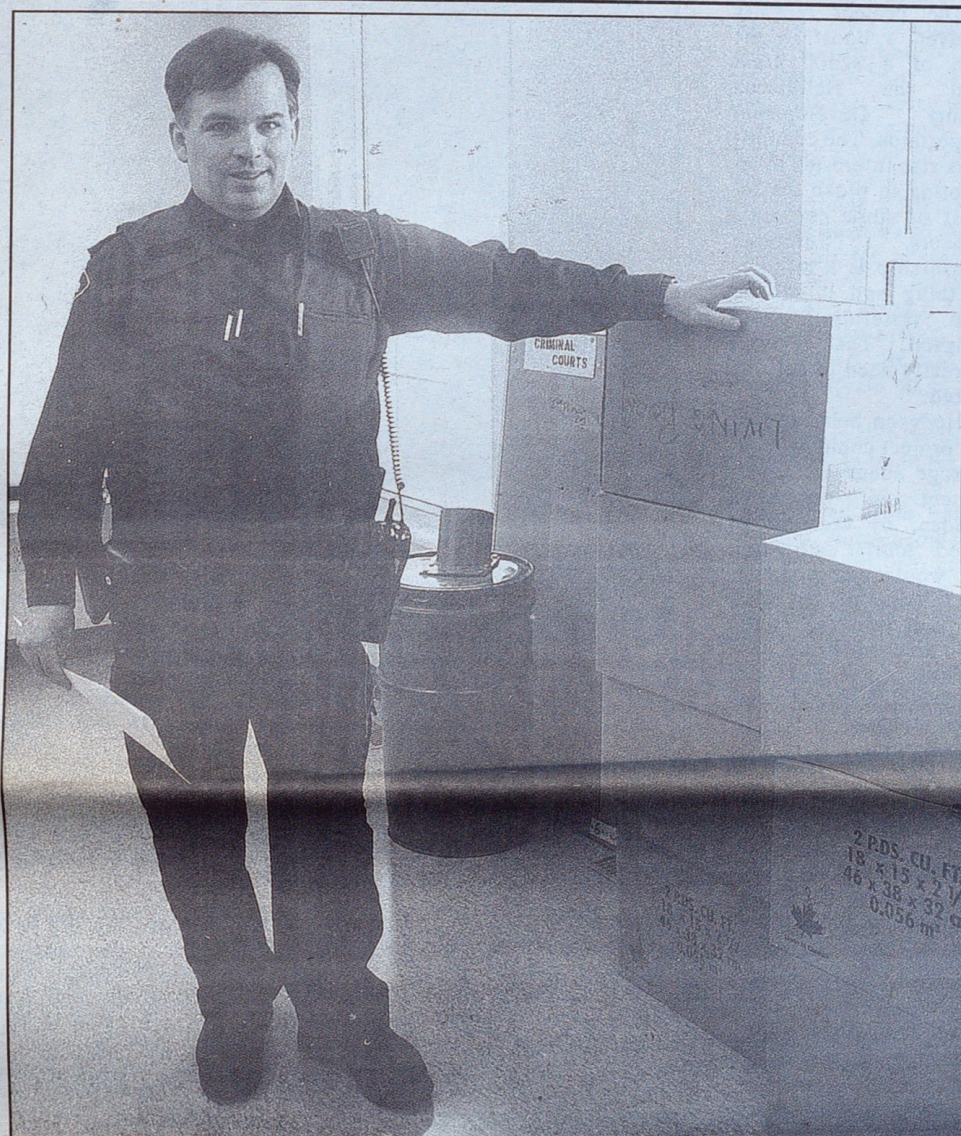
The translation of the model is further complicated by the change to a new fiscal year, for school boards across

the province, which will run from September to August now as opposed to current fiscal year from January to December.

According to the school board, the Ministry has allocated over \$140,000,000 in transfer payments, each year for the next three years. The board will receive \$140,466,655 for 1998-99, \$140,326,274 for 1999-00 and \$141,331,511 for 2000-01. The transfer payments have been divided into a foundation grant and a series of special purposes grants, which in turn are categorized into several specific grant areas: Language, Special Education, Early Learning, Learning Opportunities, Geographic and School Authorities, Teacher Compensation, Adult and Continuing Education, Transportation, School Board Administration and Pupil Accommodation. According to Ingram, there needs to be additional information from the ministry regarding the regulations for the allocation of the funding. (A chart outlining the allocations appears on page four of this week's edition.)

Trillium Lakelands School Board Chair Cheryl Murdoch has assessed the funding formula information and agrees that it will take a lengthy re-

(more on page 4)



Let the unpacking begin

March 23 was the official day, but as anyone who has packed up and moved knows, transporting all the boxes is the easy part. Constable Dave Hall was on hand when the load arrived at the new OPP Detachment office and was looking forward to settling despite all the unpacking and sorting yet to come. The Minden Detachment is now located in a portion of the Ministry of Natural Resources office on Highway 35, just north of the former location.

Dressing up downtown with big art

A committee of Minden residents is out to paint the town.

The group has announced plans to paint murals on a number of blank walls in the community.

The Minden Mural Committee believes that its project will be a great way to promote local artists and history while helping economic development.

The idea came from Larry Hodgson of the Minden Museum committee. He thought it would be an excellent project for the committees of the County Town Museum and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, two groups which share space at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Parkside Street, to work on together.

"I think that this is a perfect blend of art and history," said Hodgson. "We really don't celebrate our

heritage. And we don't celebrate our art and the talent of our county." Hodgson has been working on the project since November 1997.

He and Claudio Mestroni of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery have researched the concept of community murals. They visited downtown Oshawa, a community that has an extensive mural program. The City of Oshawa has 15 murals throughout the downtown core and is planning a festival of murals for this summer.

According to Hodgson, the downtown area of Oshawa and Minden have shared the same problem in the past. "Oshawa suffered basically the same fate as Minden," said Hodgson. "Their downtown core died as a result of the Oshawa shopping centre and Minden's core has suffered because of the by-pass." He be-

lieves that if murals can help Oshawa, they can't hurt Minden.

After reviewing the research gathered from the visit to Oshawa, both Hodgson and Mestroni feel this is the type of project that can do nothing but good for Minden and Haliburton County. "We have been sitting with some really good people who have been behind us on this project. Minden has been here a long time and I think that this would put Minden on the map," said Mestroni.

The mural committee hopes to produce two murals each year for the next five years. The first mural is already being discussed and is hoped to be well on its way to completion by July.

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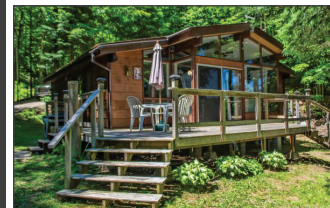
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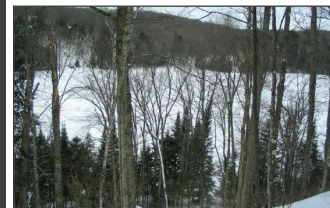
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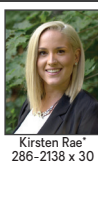
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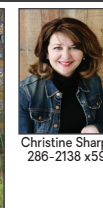
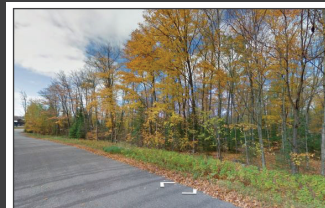
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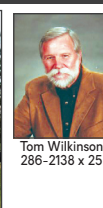
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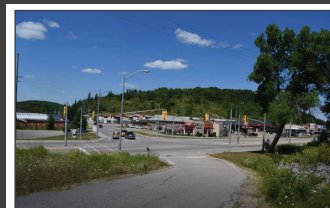
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